

Amendment and Response

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Remarks

The Decision on Appeal mailed 28 September 2004 has been received and reviewed. The Board reversed the rejections of claims 29-31, 34-36, 38-40, and 57-61 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103, & 112, second paragraph. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §41.50(b), the Board entered a new ground of rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, of claims 29-31, 34-36, 38-40, and 57-61.

In light of the Board's Decision, Applicants request reopening of prosecution of this application for consideration of the claims as amended herein.

Claim Amendments

Claims 30, 34, 38, and 39 are amended, claims 57-61 are canceled, and new claims 73-93 are presented herein, leaving claims 29-31, 34-36, 38-40, and 73-93 pending in the present application.

Support for amended claims 30, 34, 38, and 39 may be found in the specification at, e.g., page 5, lines 17-32, page 6, line 26, and page 7, lines 3-5.

Support for new claims 73, 74, 80-82, and 88-89 may be found in the claims as filed and in the specification at, e.g., page 6, line 26 to page 7, line 12.

Support for new claims 75-77, 79 & 91-93 can be found in the claims as filed and in the application as filed at, e.g., page 7, line 18 to page 8, line 9; as well as at page 13, lines 7-12.

Support for new claim 78, 84, 85, 87 and 90 can be found in, e.g., the claims as filed.

Support for new claims 83 and 86 can be found in the claims as filed and in the specification at, e.g., p. 12, lines 24-32..

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The 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph, Rejection

The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, under the authority provided by 37 C.F.R. § 41.50(b), rejected claims 29-31, 34-36, 38-40, and 57-61 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

To advance the present application to allowance, Applicants have canceled claims 57-61 and amended claims 30, 34, 38, and 39. Applicants submit that pending claims 29-31, 34-36, 38-40 and 57-61 comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Board's rejection are, therefore, respectfully requested.

New Claims 73-93

Applicants respectfully submit new claims 73-93 to provide more comprehensive coverage of Applicant's invention. Applicants submit that new claims 73-93 are patentable and request their entry and consideration.

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Summary

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims 29-31, 34-36, 38-40, and 73-93 are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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